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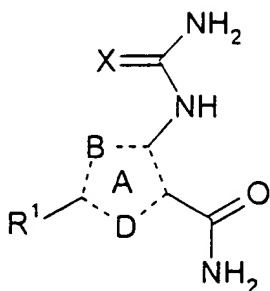
Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 13-19 without prejudice.

Amend claims 3-6, 9, 10, 12, 20 and 21 as follows:

-- 3. (Amended) A compound of formula (I), according to Claim 1, in which the group A is substituted as shown below in formula (Ia), where B and D are selected from CR², S, O and NR²⁵, where R² is as defined in Claim 1 and R²⁵ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl:



(Ia)

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